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North Halton play tough

Flag football into playoffs

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There have been a lot of different strategies used to get opponents off guard in the playoffs, but tanking a whole season has to be the most original.

For about the first twelve games of the season North Halton Sports looked like a cross between the Leafs and Detroit Red Wings - totally inept. But look out now because they've already knocked off a big opponent in the first round, stunning M and M Pro Sports 28-25.

In other games the Greeks, Dairy Queen and Smoke Shop had little trouble dispatching Mountainview, Foberts and Norval respectively.

For the third year in a row M and M Sports despite another new sponsor, have made the Acapulco cliff divers look like small potatoes by comparison.

Bears in the regular season, they turn boos come playoff time. That's not to take anything away from North Halton though, as they slugged it out every inch of the way behind a big performance by quarter back Howie Jacobs who has been maligned in the past but came up with the goods

Mike Lord had given M and M the lead, but they could only manage four points in the latter half all off the toe of Bob Lockwood.

Mike Buck and Paul Cunningham with a spectacular diving catch, scored North Halton's other TDs. Andy Tyrell converted both white Bob Lockwood converted each of M and M's.

Mountainview Plaza could only enter a plea of nolo contendere in their mismatch with the Greeks who overpowered them 40-14.

BIG SHOOTER

Mark Russell was the big shooter for Greek's with two TDs, and singles went to Paul Wilson, James Allen, Rick Baldwin and Pat Jacobs. John and Paul Karolidis both caught two point conversions.

Dean Scallen and John Karolidis picked up interceptions.

Wayne Doell scored all of the Plaza points. It's an old sports adage that says there's a lot more to going with the big dogs than just lifting your leg.

This week, with the money on the table, Smoke Shop held all the cards flattening Norval 38-28 in a game that

with converts by Bob Pemberton (two pt.) and Randy Doucette.

For the third year running the defending league champion won't duplicate the feat as this week Foberts bought the farm. Dairy Queen who seemed to have retained their spark now that the games are for real, were never in any trouble despite the fact that the game was close in terms of time of possession.

The difference was that Dairy Queen scored when they got the chance.

KEYED WIN

Howie Hulme and Steve Crossman keyed the Dairy Queen win although neither scored. Both were the workhorses in the Queen drives that led to two majors by Ron Lunn and one by Stu Lunn.

Jeff Lockwood kicked three field goals and three singles while the defence came up with intercepts by Dale Mieznic and Tracey Stevenson.

Fobert's only majors came in a big third quarter when Bruce Urech and Ken Baker broke through the DQ defence.

Terry Hunt accounted for the remaining points on a field goal and two converts. Hunt and Keith Peacock each had an



The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders allowed Midland forwards to harass netminder Brad Miller often to score six goals in the Raiders' first loss of the season.

Coach Gary Ford was unhappy with his team's play except for the third period when the Raiders had ample opportunities to overtake the Athletics. (Herald photo by Dave Rowney)

Coach wants 60 minute effort

Raiders handed first defeat

After the Georgetown Intermediates' first loss of the season a noticeably disturbed Gary Ford sounded off against his Raider charges for becoming too confident.

In weekend games the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders ended their six game win streak with a 6-4 loss to Midland, but rebounded for a 2-1 squeaker against Port Elgin.

Some players didn't show up until five minutes before the Midland game which showed they didn't come ready to play, the Raider coach said.

"You can't play 60 minutes of hockey in 20 minutes," Ford said. "It's up to them (the players), but there are going to have to be some changes," he said.

It was "pathetic" to lose to Midland because right now Collingwood is the only strong team in the league besides the Raiders, Ford said.

The loss did help the Raider red and white because it will "keep their heads from getting too big" from overconfidence, the coach said.

TOUGHER

Raider centreman will have to play better and get tougher on faceoffs, Gary Ford said. While the Georgetown mentor isn't yet ready to push the panic button, he did indicate the team will be looking for some more help on defence.

Midland went ahead in the first period 2-1 with the Raiders not scoring until the last six minutes on a goal from Bruce Ellison assisted by Steve Bronizewski and Tim Turner.

The Raiders were effective on the power play throughout the game scoring the first of three power play goals on a shot by Guy Cormier who had both time and space in front of Midland's Craig Watson to score. Steve Bronizewski and Ron Twiss assisted on his goal.

The game was characterized by fast skating and hard checking although each team only

took five penalties apiece. The quick passing and skating of the Midland squad enabled them to slip by the Raider defence who were caught out of position at times.

SCREENED

Midland increased their lead to 4-2 on a goal that went through Brad Miller's legs, but the Georgetown goaltender was screened on the shot.

A slap shot to Miller's glove side from 40 feet beat the Raiders for another goal with eight minutes left in the period.

Georgetown's Tim Turner narrowed the gap with a shot from the slot to beat Midland's Craig Watson.

Watson was exceptional in net for Midland, stopping 41 shots while the Raiders' Brad Miller stopped 30.

In the third period the Raider had a number of good chances to even the score and take the lead.



With five minutes left in the game John Saunders and Glen Murray had shots on the open net from close in but both were wide.

A call from the referee disallowed a goal that he said was kicked in, but coach Ford maintains Bruce Ellison was pushed into the crease and the puck went off his knee for the goal.

POWER PLAY

Gary McFadyen shot the lone Raider goal of the period on a power play two minutes into the third period on a deflection off of Wayne Bonnah's shot. Ford singled out McFadyen as one of the players who put out a solid performance throughout the game.

Ford also commented on the play of Ron Twiss who had a breakaway opportunity in the third period to score.

After the disallowed

Georgetown goal, Midland's Bill Arbour took a lead pass which gave him a breakaway opportunity which he made no

mistake with 2:24 left in the game.

In the last minute the Raiders Glen Murray deked around the Mid-

land defence and let go a power shot which is his trademark, but it hit the goalpost.

After the game general

manager Don Fendley said the team "ran around" too much with disregard for positional

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Howie Jacobs receives the ball from centre in North Halton Sports' game against M and M Pro Sports. Jacobs slugged it out and "came up with the goods when it counted".

(Photo by Harald Bransch)

when it counted.

TRAILED

North Halton scored on their first possession but trailed 21-14 at half time. As the second half got under way it soon became clear that it was North Halton's defence that would dictate the outcome.

Jacobs kept getting the ball in good field position and made the best of it hitting Ron Wodhams for fourteen second half points, the last eight of which gave North Halton the lead with seven minutes left.

A pair of Dave Warman touchdowns and one by

wasn't as close as the score indicates.

Bob Inglis, Paul Ewing and John Vieira powered the Smoke Shop offense throughout the game and two interceptions by Howard Ferguson kept the lid on Norval till late in the fourth quarter when the votes were all in.

CHARLIE CONNECTS

Vieira had two TDs, Jerry Neil, Terry Diardichuk, and Bob Inglis one each. Charlie Knoepfli connected on a 47 yard field goal and Jack Butler booted five converts.

Brian Pemberton had all four Norval majors

interception.

With only four teams left there is a dispute over the remaining match-ups due to an error in the printed schedule.

One way or the other all four will play next Sunday beginning at 10:00.

Players of the week

Howard Ferguson SS, Brian Pemberton Nor., Terry Hunt Fob., Steve Crossman DQ, Wayne Doell MP, Dean Scallen Gr., Howie Jacobs NHS, Dave Warman M and M.

Do you have an interest in the popular sport of broomball? The town recreation department has plans for the winter of setting up a recreational broomball league. We are taking calls now from anyone who would like to participate, 877-5183, ext. 19 or 60. Watch for our winter brochure for more details.

**Broomball
anyone?**

Centennial heads Bronte Creek meet

In the Halton cross country championships for public schools last Wednesday at Bronte Creek Park, Centennial dominated the total pennant standings, but other area schools made their mark at the meet as well.

In the Bantam girls race, Park Public School finished third, followed by Centennial in fourth and George Kennedy in sixth spot.

Centennial was first in the boys Bantam competition, with Harrison second and Joseph Gibbons third. In team total standings for Bantams, Centennial was

tops with 140 points, followed by George Kennedy with 220 points and Harrison with 234 points.

Centennial was third in the Junior girls race with Stewarttown fourth. The results were the same for the Junior boys matchup. But in the team totals Centennial was third with 140 points, followed by Stewarttown in fourth with 180 points.

In the Intermediate girls category, Centennial was first while Stewarttown was second. In the boys event, Centennial were again winners, followed by E.J. James,

then Stewarttown. In overall point standings for Intermediates Centennial edged

Stewarttown 80 to 53. Details of the Centennial individual finishers were reported in The Herald's weekend newspaper. The following are the results of Stewarttown's individual finishers.

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nial finished first with 48 points followed by Stewarttown with 89 points.

In the Senior girls race Stewarttown won the pennant with Centennial finishing in second. In the Senior boys Centennial dominated, followed by W.I. Dick and Stewarttown.

In the total team stand-

ings Stewarttown edged Centennial 80 to 53.

39th place finish followed by Lisa Walters in 40th spot.

In the Junior boys race Chris Stoddart finished a strong first with Mark Shepherd in 20th position. Chris Bewley was the 26th runner to cross the line while Tim Racinsky was 31st and teammate David Williams 60th.

Jenny Gallagher paced the Intermediate girls with a third place finish. Debbie Taylor was eleventh, followed by Debbie Blek in 12th spot. Janelle Lewis was 16th and Kathy Griffiths 21st.

Marc Bassett was the fourth Intermediate

finisher in his race followed by Mike Chiovitti in ninth position, Mike Huffman was 11th while Mike Johnson was 23rd. Ken Langdon was 55th.

Traci McFarlane was first for the Stewarttown Seniors, followed by Tammy Green in third spot and Carolyn Grassy in 12th position. Vicki Lavalee was 13th while Shannon Snyder was 30th. Jimmy Manning was eighth in the Senior boys with Terry Dixon ninth. Jimmy Blek ran the race finishing in 16th spot, while teammate Marc Lamb was 18th. David Tate was 22nd.



UPHILL BATTLE

Tammy Morrow (above) of Centennial Public School strides forward with competition close behind. Following is Angy Gray of Centennial in the background. The two girls were competing in the senior cross country division of the Halton championships last Wednesday at Bronte Creek Park.

Robin Cocks (left) of Georgetown's Centennial Public School struggles to catch up with his competition in the Halton championships. Robin completed the course in 14th spot.